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In re application of:

Richard J. Richardson

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Title: LIGHTING CIRCUIT, LIGHTING  
SYSTEM METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
SOCKET ASSEMBLY, LAMP INSULATOR  
ASSEMBLY AND COMPONENTS  
THEREOF

Examiner: **Ward, J.**

Group Art Unit: 2875

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## SEVENTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The foreign language references have been considered previously, but the attachments now include translations for the references listed.

The patent applications listed are applications related to the present case. Their currently pending claims are also included.

The following references from the attached Form PTO-1449 are patents relating to tombstone-style fluorescent lamp sockets:

US-4084873	4/1978	Grate
US-4198109	4/1980	Ustin
US-4238815	12/1980	Price
US-4280169	7/1981	Allen
US-4565415	1/1986	Feinberg
US-4863394	9/1989	Henshaw, Jr.
US-4992915	2/1981	Meister
US-5006970	4/1991	Mackiewicz
US-5009617	4/1991	Thomas
US-5169331	12/1992	Caldwell et al.
US-5192218	3/1993	Kuiper
US-5282755	2/1994	Ahlstone
US-5469348	11/1995	Wong
US-5521804	5/1996	Degelmann et al.
US-5616042	4/1997	Raby, Sr. et al.
US-5636919	6/1997	Walker
US-5688139	11/1997	Gust et al.
US-5720546	2/1998	Correll, Jr. et al.

The following references from the attached Form PTO-1449 are patents relating to pin-type lamp socket mounting structures that may have features for releasably accepting a bracket/mount and allowing longitudinal movement of the socket:

US-2399531	4/1946	Young
US-4772216	9/1988	Szymanek
US-4814954	3/1989	Spitz
US-4928209	5/1990	Rodin
US-4992915	2/1981	Meister
US-5192218	3/1993	Kuiper
US-5616042	4/1997	Raby, Sr. et al.

The following references from the attached Form PTO-1449 are patents that may have insulators or seals for fluorescent lamp pin contacts, or sockets releasably engaging a bracket/mount:

US-2447676	8/1948	Webster
US-2476856	7/1949	Geenens
US-2483165	9/1949	Young
US-2495196	1/1950	Kulka
US-2715216	8/1955	Howenstine
US-2716738	8/1955	Pistey
US-2716739	8/1955	Lemmers
US-2733420	1/1956	Marz
US-2742621	4/1956	Pistey
US-2857578	10/1958	Thomas
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US-2983838	5/1961	Pechy
US-2995723	8/1961	Shappell et al.
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US-3353140	11/1967	Johnson
US-3384858	5/1968	Johnson
US-3430189	2/1969	Landgraf
US-3685003	8/1972	Watt
US-4039886	8/1977	Scherzer
US-4080030	3/1978	Ustin
US-4084873	4/1978	Grate
US-4102558	7/1978	Krachman
US-4198108	4/1980	Bassetto
US-4854888	8/1989	Cannon
US-4878854	11/1989	Cannon
US-4994710	2/1991	Roelevink et al.
US-5122074	6/1992	Maag et al.

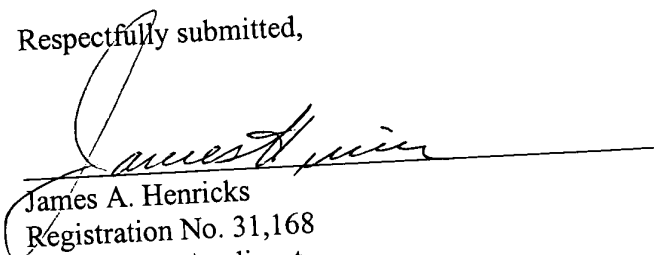
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It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited reference by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPRO- PRIATE
	US-2,356,601	8/1944	MacCarthy			
	US-2,369,123	2/1945	Abshire			
	US-2,522,044	9/1953	Howenstein			
	US-3,426,234	2/1969	Hayasaka et al.			
	US-4,280,169	7/1981	Allen			
	US-4,350,400	9/1982	Gaynor			
	US-4,758,173	7/19/1988	Northrop			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE/0830221C	1/3/1952	Germany			X
AA	DE/2644664A	06/04/78	Germany			X
AB	DE/3638507A	05/19/88	Germany			X
AC	DE/4013271A	10/31/91	Germany			X
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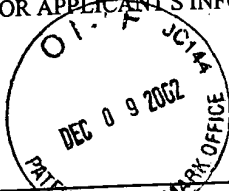
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